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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, located at 568 Albuquerque, NM 87120.

The \$1,500,000 in funding would be used to plan, permit, design, and construct a new aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) project as part of the Water Authority's ongoing implementation of its 100-year water management strategy. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because water stored through ASR is a key supply for the Water Authority to meet customer demand into the future during times of variable water supply. ASR water is in the ground, readily available when needed, and is not subject to evaporation losses that occur in surface water reservoirs. Additionally, the water stored through ASR supports groundwater management, reducing the Water Authority's reliance on groundwater during periods of peak demand since it can include ASR stored water in the supply portfolio. It is a reliable water supply and allows for more complete and efficient use of water resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Melanie Stansbury
Member of Congress